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## Elba needs no reminder of March 17th one year ago

by Marvin Melwain  
Elba Clipper Editor

A cloudy, rainy, dreary, wet day is the only way to describe last Sunday, March 17, 1991, in Elba. BUT, these words and many more you could think of would not begin to describe what this day was like one year ago.

Between 200 and 250 people gathered on the courthouse square in downtown Elba Sunday to reflect on what occurred one year ago - the now famous flood of March 17, 1990 - and to rejoice in what has transpired in the past twelve months. True, we do not have to be reminded of the events of a year ago because these

of us who witnessed the flood and its destruction will NEVER FORGET, but we do want to be reminded of the many expressions of love, acts of fellowman helping fellowman, and the many, many acts of kindness that occurred and are still occurring even now.

Councilman Randy Bedsole summed it up best with these words: "We're not here today to complain or feel sorry for ourselves. Our purpose today is to pause and reflect, remembering the devastation for sure and what we lost, but also to record how far back we have come from this devastation. Most of all, we want to recognize that we would not be at the point

we are today in our recovery were it not for the caring and assistance we received from outside our little town. Our flood of destruction led to a flood of help and love and it is this flood that we wish to commemorate today!"

### "OUR FLOOD OF DESTRUCTION LED TO A FLOOD OF HELP AND LOVE"

Sunday's speakers were the authors of comment after comment that reflected the positive attitude and determined spirit that enabled Elba and its people to survive the March '90 flood and its devastation.

Mayor Fred Moore said, "Elba is a strong community in action and spirit otherwise we would have gone under!" Superintendent Charles Pearce related to the audience his statement to education officials visiting Elba, "I'd been amazed if Elba had not come back! When the chips are down, the commitment comes forth."

One program that was instrumental in helping many Elbians recover from the flood was the Adopt-A-Family Program. This program was instrumental by the Alabama Home Economics Association, Governor Hunt's Office, State of Alabama, Department of Human Resources and the City of Elba.

Through the Adopt-A-Family Program, thousands of dollars in cash and home furnishings along with many hours of manual labor were donated to the people of Elba from folks throughout Alabama and many other states. There were many more deeds of kindness extended through this program than no one, except

those directly involve, will ever know about.

Jan Murray was quoted as saying, "The success of this program (in Elba) can only be found in the hearts and homes of those who participated."

The knowledge and information learned in the experiences recorded in this program are being compiled by the Alabama Home Economics Association. In the very near future, a book will be written using this information and it will be shared with other agencies throughout the U.S.A.

Pat Thomason of the Governor's Office was in Elba Sunday to make a presentation to the people of Elba on behalf of Governor Guy Hunt. She presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mayor Moore from the Governor commending the people of Elba for joining forces to overcome the damage suffered in the March 17, 1990 flood.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies Sunday, hundreds of red, white, and blue balloons (Elba VICA and FFA members blew the balloons up) were released as the Elba High Band played *Amazing Grace*.

It goes without saying that through God's Amazing Grace, no lives were lost during the devastation of Elba last March for that we are truly thankful. On a personal note, the March '90 flood was my second flood. I'm too young to have experienced the flood of '29, but in the flood of 1975, I lost my home. At that time, I lived at 806 Washington Avenue (Riverview Subdivision). The City of Elba (inside the levee) suffered only minor damage in the '75 flood, but to me, it was a major flood. At that time, I thought that it couldn't be any worse - but it could and was - on March 16 & 17, 1990. I include the 16th because

I saw homes outside the levee, before it broke, being flooded that suffered no water damage in 1975.

Up until the time the levee broke, shortly after 6 a.m. on the morning of March 17, I really did not think that the levee would give way, but it was evident the water would come over the levee and flood the streets of Elba. All this proved to be wrong when the dispatcher at the police station sounded the alarm with the words - "THE LEVEE HAS BROKEN!" I'll never forget those words!

### THE ALARM WAS SOUNDED ... THE LEVEE HAS BROKEN

With the breaking of the levee and all the flooding inside and outside the levee, an awful lot of unknowns arose for those directly affected as well as for those indirectly affected by the flood's devastation.

Can the people of Elba recover? Will the business establishments reopen? Where will help, if there is any - come from? Bottom line, the question was: "What are we going to do NOW?"

There are still questions to be answered even today, but the last twelve months have answered many of them. The determination to overcome adversity is still prominent in the minds of the people of Elba and with that attitude I am confident that Elba is well on the way to complete recovery!

No wonder the sign with the now famous saying on it still hangs on a light pole in downtown Elba. I end with that saying: *Everything Lost - - But, We'll Be Back Again!* I think that we can now say with a great deal of confidence, **ELBA IS BACK!!!**



DOWNTOWN ELBA ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 17, 1990

## N.B. Council asked how loud is too loud

by Marvin Melwain  
Elba Clipper Editor

Just how loud is too loud and how late is too late? These were the questions put to the New Brockton City Council in Monday evening's meeting.

When Mrs. Debbie Wilkins appeared before the council and asked these questions, she was referring to country music. Her son, Shawn, is a member of a country band known as *Ganrunners* and they hold their practice sessions in a building which belongs to the Wilkins. The building is located in Wilkins Industrial Park (Tin City).

Recently, the police have answered loud music complaints at Wilkins Industrial Park during the band's rehearsal time. According to Councilman Ralph Medley, the police officers answering the complaints (from two different individuals) were instructed to stop and listen at several different locations before taking any action. They reportedly did and was able to hear the music approximately 1/4 mile away.

According to Police Chief Richard Nichols, the band was asked to turn the volume down and to end

their practice session by 8 p.m.

Mrs. Wilkins stated that she was not at the meeting complaining about the police officer's actions, but she just wanted to know why the 8 o'clock curfew and how loud is too loud.

Chief Nichols stated that under the code dealing with disorderly conduct, excessive noise is any noise level above and beyond the normal noise level. According to the chief, the normal noise level is yet to be determined.

It seemed from the discussion that the 8 o'clock curfew was mutually agreed upon by the police and the complaining parties.

Mrs. Faye Richardson whose son, Cary, plays in the band also asked the council, "If someone complains about the noise during the Chicken Festival, are you going to ask them to close down at 8 p.m. too?" Her question drew no response from the council.

Chief Nichols and the council explained to the group that each and every complaint has to be answered by the police - they have no choice in the matter.

Mrs. Wilkins and the others agreed with the mayor and council

that they had hoped that a suitable arrangement between all parties involved could have been worked out, but so far it hasn't.

"We just don't want to be discriminated against," said Mrs. Wilkins.

Councilman Laymon Tindol told the group, "I think y'all will find that if there's anyway we can keep you out there - we will."

The mayor and councilmen asked Mrs. Wilkins to be patient and give them an opportunity to work something out that will be - agreeable to all parties involved.

Mr. Jimmy Anderson appeared before the council and asked if they would accept a bid on providing janitorial services for city hall. These services would include the general cleaning of the building. The council agreed that bids would be accepted.

Other action taken by the council included the following:

\*\*\*Mayor Driskell selected to be a voting delegate to the League of Municipalities Meeting in May.

\*\*\*Gave approval for the city clerk to attend a seminar and a clerk's day meeting in May.

\*\*\*Approved the appointment of Councilman Bud Goodson to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

\*\*\*Appointed Laura Egerton, Bill Lockwood, Jimmy Peacock, R. P. Flowers, Doug Smith, Clinton Marler, and Rhonda Davis to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Driskell will also serve on the commission.

\*\*\*Approved the repairing of the lights on the city's baseball/softball field.



QUITE A DIFFERENCE... This was downtown Elba as it appeared on the afternoon of March 17, 1991. The citizens of Elba gathered together to reflect and rejoice on the progress that has been made by Elba and its people in the recovery process.

## Korean War veterans to be honored

Korean War veterans will be honored at a special Memorial Day ceremony to be held in Elba on Saturday, May 25, 1991 at 9 a.m.

During the ceremony, a plaque will be unveiled containing the

names of casualties from Coffee County. The plaque will be located in the Plaza of Honor at National Security Insurance Company's Veterans Memorial Park located on U.S. Highway 84, East.

An effort is underway to ensure that all the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice for our Country appear on the plaque. Veterans who were not residents of the County during the years of the Korean War, but lived in the County for most of their lives, will be included. The following is a list of Coffee County casualties which were compiled from the Korean War Veterans Memorial Directory: Robert Denton, Windfield Drive, Gilbert Gamble, Roy Hataway, and John M. Stokes.

If you know of a veteran who should be included and is not listed above, call Betty Brunson at 205-897-2273 before March 28, 1991. Also, the Company would like to include the Veterans' next-of-kin in the ceremony. If you are next-of-kin or know the next-of-kin of any of the veterans above, call the number given above.

## E.H.S. breaks ground today

Charles Pearce, Superintendent of Elba City Schools, announced that on Thursday, March 21, 1991 at 2:00 p.m., Elba City Schools will officially break ground on the new school project being built in Elba. The ceremony will be held at the new school site located on U.S. Highway 84 West approximately two miles from town.

Representatives from the national, state, county and local levels that have been involved with the making of the project a reality will be on hand

## State troopers out in force due to spring break

Additional Alabama state troopers will be patrolling during the spring break holiday period in Alabama, according to Col. Ned W. McHenry, Public Safety director.

March 23-24 and March 29-31, weekends prior to and following the week of spring break, troopers will be out in force to cite speeders and other dangerous drivers and to serve as visible reminders to all motorists to drive carefully.

The additional manpower, made available through a federal overtime grant program aimed at speed limit enforcement, will be concentrated on routes to popular vacation spots, primarily US 231 and 331 and the interstate south of Montgomery.

### \* FOR YOUR INFO \*

**GROUND BREAKING** A formal ground-breaking ceremony for the new Elba City Schools complex is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the construction site. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the National Guard Army located on Larkin Rd.

**SERVICEMEN INFO** To enquire about personnel stationed in the Middle East, call the appropriate number below and have their NAME and MILITARY ID NUMBER.

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**DEADLINES** The ELBA CLIPPER DEADLINES are as follows: 5:00 p.m. on Mondays for social news and 12:00 noon on Tuesdays for advertising and all other news.

**NEW NUMBER** The VA Regional Office in Montgomery has a new toll-free telephone number. The new number is 1-800-827-2046.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Los Angeles police chief is under pressure to resign or be fired. Civil rights activists have been joined by politicians in demanding the resignation, even though the victim himself doesn't think the attack was racially motivated. The demand was brought about by the chance filming of the brutal beating of a black motorist (who showed no resistance) one night by a group of four police officers. We fail to understand how they are tying the chief into the beating. He made no attempt to cover up the happenings, in fact came right out and said proper action would be taken . . . and apparently it is being taken. We do say that more than the four officers who actually did the beating have broken the law. The video, taped by a neighborhood resident, showed at least a dozen police officers at the scene and not one objected to the beating. We think that is where the dismissals should start . . . that is if there is no way to prove they personally broke a law and deserve criminal prosecution.

Elba has made a remarkable recovery from the flood of one year ago. It was done with determination, a lot of help and was like sharpening a grind rock . . . little bits at the time. It is sometimes hard for us to realize the amount of recovery unless we remember back or view some of the many photographs and videos made of the devastation. It will be a long time, if ever, before the damage is completely repaired and the scars erased from the landscape or from our minds. We salute those who sucked it up and came back, we salute those who without their help we would never have made it, and last but not least we thank God.

Americans don't need to relax completely with the thoughts that Desert Storm is over. That place apparently could explode into war again at any moment. Of Saddam ain't changed his spots, he is desperate to survive and in his weird way of thinking an attack on the allied troops just might be a way to show his strength. Add to that the moral problem the American military and administration has to sitting by and watching Saddam's loyal forces destroy thousands of men, women and children who's only crime is trying to stay alive.

We almost laughed out loud one day last week when a couple of national Democratic leaders were trying to bail out of the fact they voted against the now-popular vote to launch the war against Iraq. They talked about being responsible for the military equipment build-up; actually being the first to propose military action in the Gulf, etc. Then they would criticize something about the procedure followed and when asked, "Are you criticizing the handling of the war by President Bush?", they would quickly say again that he had done a great job. Minutes later they would do the same thing again. It was comical watching them squirm.

The national economy is officially in a recession and of course that is felt in varying degrees in every community of America. Coffee County is no exception to this slowdown. However it encouraging to us that locally Kleinert's has again started interviewing people to work in their huge local sewing plant. Their advertisement indicates the company is interviewing on Tuesday and Friday. Want a job? Go see them.

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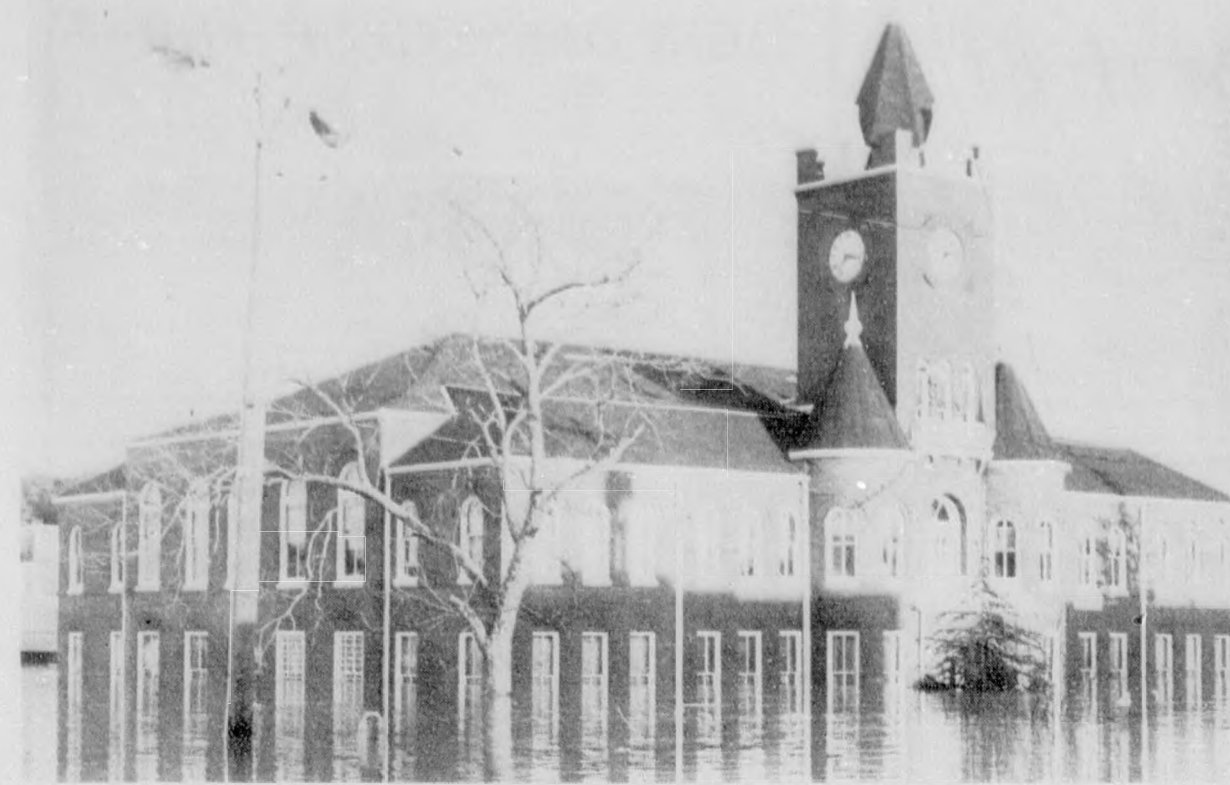
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## Elba Citizen's Attitudes Positive As Recovery Efforts



ELBA COURTHOUSE ON DAY OF THE FLOOD



ELBA COURTHOUSE AS IT IS TODAY



COOK CHEV. LOT SOON AFTER FLOOD WATERS RECEDED



COOK CHEROLET'S PARKING LOT AS IT IS TODAY



LOOKING WEST ON CAROLINE STREET



THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL

### THE FLOOD REMEMBERED

by Michele Cox  
editor/publisher The Elba Advance

The world will little note the events of March 17, 1990; but anyone who ever has lived or does live in Elba, AL, will long remember it as the day the waters came; the day we watched our little town become submerged in the swirling, muddy waters of Pea River.

"It brought out the good in a lot of people," was the observation of a former classmate. Indeed, it did; and the response was immediate. First, a hugging epidemic broke out. As residents stood and watched flood waters rise, imagining the damage which was taking place was the worst, there was little anyone could do or say to make things better. But we could hug, and hug we did. We hugged neighbors, old friends and people we knew but hadn't bumped in to in a long time. It became a sort of social occasion, a tragic occasion on which we clung to what was dearest - friends, family and fellow townspeople.

Then people began helping people. Then did the best they could with what they had and shared whatever they could spare.

Homes were opened to those who had been evacuated in the pre-dawn hours. Helping hands volunteered to serve meals to those left without a place to prepare food.

And when the waters had receded, those same helping hands were pitching in to rebuild. Outsiders to whom Elba was only the place in the news this week sent countless items and many came bearing the gift of their time and talents for rebuilding. The observation of another former resident:

"It looks pretty now ... and the flood might have been Elba's saving grace. Dorsey Trailers was hurting and managed to get a good loan."

A year after the devastating flood, a passer-by who didn't know where to look would never believe that the town was completely submerged.

With kindred, fighting spirits, the people of Elba adopted the motto cleverly posted on the town square: Everything's Lost! But we'll be back! Again."

It still looks like home, an old-fashioned town in the South. Six months after the flood, a church service was held for the first time in the sanctuary of Elba United Methodist Church. There were tears from the time the first hymn was sung until the minister pronounced the benediction. The church looked just like it used to, and the music was just as beautiful as it always has been. There was a lot of emotional healing that day.

And downtown, Whitman's Drug Store put back the yellow stools at their soda fountain. In the clouded picture window of the memory, it is as if nothing has changed, as if Bill Oggs

never missed a day of serving chicken salad sandwiches and the best lemonade in the world from behind the fountain.

"Memories didn't wash away ... No one can ever take the memories."

The places which were the birthplace of many memories of growing up in Elba will never be the same again. None of the schools are being salvaged, and even Jack and Jill Kindergarten, the place where many, many friendships were forged in the days before public kindergarten, was heavily damaged.

But when we play "remember when," we always will remember when "the good witch" came to visit Jack and Jill on Halloween, and when Karen made Wesley switch shirts with her because she liked his green one better than her pink one.

We will speak of the sunny days spent at Elba Elementary ... when Mrs. Pearce paddled us and when being Mrs. Morrow's helper was high priority.

We'll recall the windowless Elba Middle School, and special times at dear old Elba High ... like being caught by Mrs. Prior passing notes during class; being paddled by Mr. Powell; football games; marching contests; building the prom and making a yearbook; the day Rita was crowned homecoming queen and when John climbed up on the podium and gave the graduation speech.

We will speak of the day the waters came, the day Blue and Aleah were married. We will drag out the picture of kindergarten graduation and compare it to high school graduation. And we will thank God that neither memories, nor Elba, nor the things we loved best about it, washed away.

## From March '90 Flood Continue To Get Results

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

Sitting in church Sunday morning there was the sudden realization that exactly 12 months ago to the hour I was flying over Elba amazed at the amount of water still pouring into downtown from the raging Whitewater Creek and Pea River. Water was coming in at the break behind the school and over the barricade at White Water Bridge. Pictures I made remind us it was beginning to go out over the lower parts of the levee at the end of Claxton and in New Town.

Various stories have been circulated about the flood but the following facts need to be etched in stone:

"There were no deaths from the Elba flood of 1990."

"The levee collapsed inward in only one place ... behind the Elementary School."

"The levee failed because Whitewater Creek undermined the levee, causing it to collapse."

"The other breaks in the levee were breaking out, not in."

Looking back today to the March 17, 1990 flood that struck Elba, the events that happened after that dawn disaster are a blur. More particularly the timing of these happenings is jumbled in our mind. We should all stop again and say a quiet, private prayer that there were no lives lost in the disaster.

We do recall never leaving home for the next two weeks without at least one complete change of clothes. The mud was everywhere and it was neither unusual nor considered an insult for someone to look at your jacket, pants, etc. and say "Oh, you went downtown before coming to this meeting."

While our office was submerged beneath 11+ feet of muddy water for four days, it never crossed our minds not to publish on our weekly schedule. Our questions were how and where do we set up.

We felt it was important for the very survival of Elba that the local newspaper publish on schedule. The readers of *The Elba Clipper* deserved no less. We also wanted to give our readers as much critical information on survival techniques as humanly possible under the conditions.

We were too busy Sunday chasing news and getting the new office set up to attend the community church service held, even though

by and molding together our facts into understandable stories.

Our son Chris was home from the Army on leave and Eric had a week without any school, so both of them spent many hours trying to salvage anything they could and working with the National Guard dumping the mess left in our building onto the streets to be hauled away.

Everyone seemed willing to help, without reservation, and those with knowledge on the best way to get from point A to point B pitched in to help us, regardless of how tired they were already.

That first paper was only 10 pages, meaning we left out at least a hundred "good" pictures, but it sold like hotcakes, even though folks were surprised we were able to publish at all. The extra 1,500 copies we printed were not nearly enough for the two single copy outlets still in operation. Our downtown office was still under water when we finished the layouts for the flood issue Tuesday night.

We got to our printer at Headland Wednesday morning - only about three hours behind our regular schedule. The detours and turn-

around we made trying to find an open road kept delaying our progress.

Our second paper had a little more planning time involved and it was my decision that there would be not one word of negative news in that issue. We would be upbeat about the flood and report positive results of help and clean-up efforts.

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to publish without missing a beat and are confident our actions were a real boost to a community needing every ounce of support available. More than any other time in our career, we felt our efforts really contributed to the well-being of our readers.

None of us can stand alone, in spite of our desires or independent

natures. *The Elba Clipper* was helped immensely by offers of space, "let us help" requests from friends and other people on the street and by the helping hands extended from other newspapers. People used ingenious methods to send us messages. Daily newspaper reporters, radio station news hounds, pilots flying in emergency help and officials reviewing the damages all brought messages.

When the offer to a locate us half an empty doctor's office was extended, we grabbed it and began wondering how to furnish the rooms. We had rescued our computers, x-acto knives, etc. before the water hit but we needed desks, tables and chairs.

We borrowed a folding table from the National Guard (it is a great layout table in a crunch). A computer was set up on a sewing machine from home and another on an old yard sale desk from a son's bedroom. The computer printer fit perfectly between them on a coffee table and the water could have been made for that upside down garbage can on which it sat. Chairs of the doctor's waiting room variety actually did real find.

More than one political interview was conducted quite literally from a doctor's exam table.

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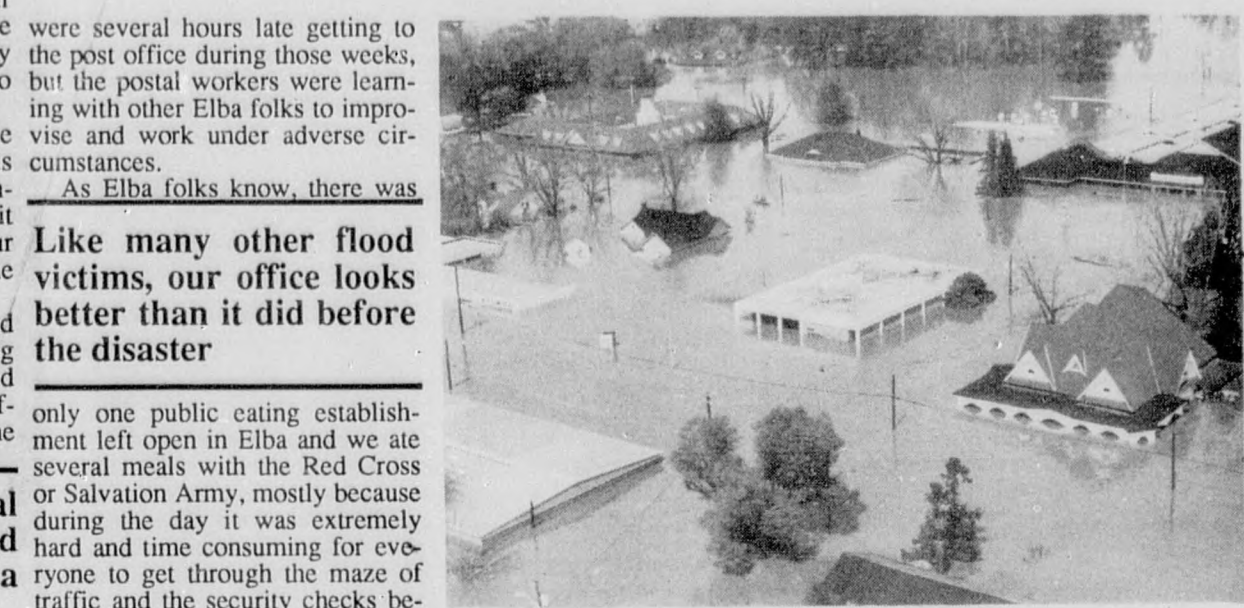
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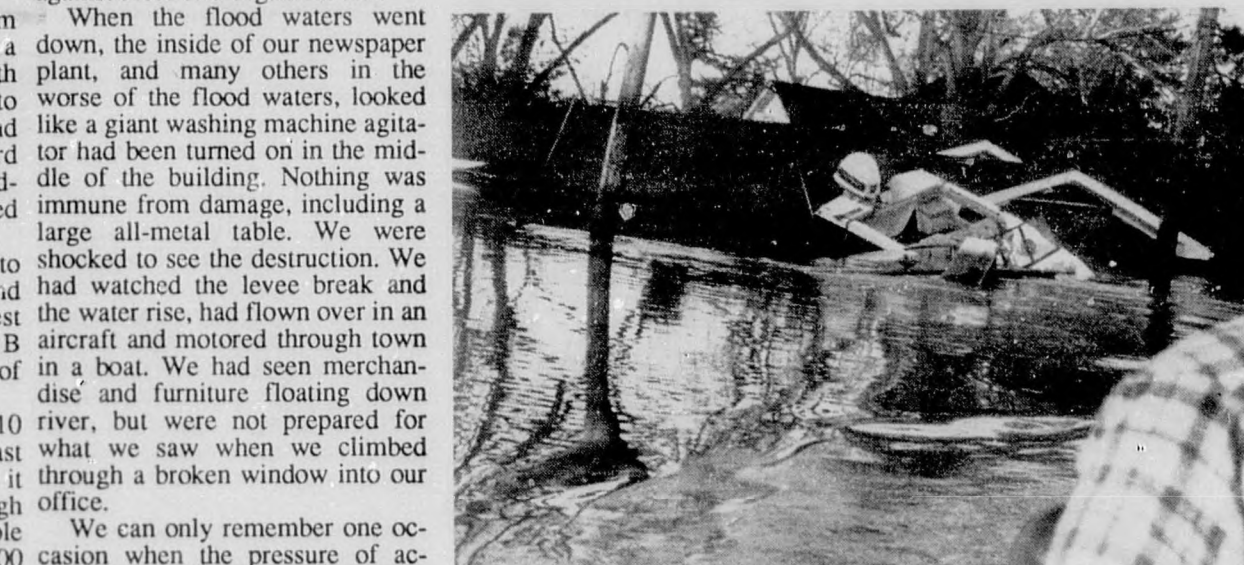
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THIS IS THE SITE where the Elba levee broke last March. This is looking from outside the levee and a close look at the tree line on the right will disclose the very top of the middle school sticking out of the water.



CITY HALL centers this aerial view Saturday morning about 11 a.m. The fire department is in the lower left while SouthTrust Bank is in the upper left and parts of the high school are in the upper right of the photo.



THIS BOAT settled on top of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Morrow during the flood. The owners reclaimed it after the waters went down, but their problems were much larger than a wandering boat.



I SURVIVED THE MARCH '1990 FLOOD...Dolly, the cat pictured above, belongs to Mrs. Olivia Padgett. Dolly floated atop a living room sofa for 3 days and nights before being rescued. Mrs. Padgett and Dolly thanked Elba's mayor, Fred Moore for granting permission to Earl McCollough to go to her rescue via of boat.



Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

I was the "stage mother" for the Little Miss Elba pageant last weekend and I'm proud to report that everybody survived and in spite of the fact that there could only be one winner among the 14 contestants, we all had a lot of fun. Things looked a little scary Thursday night at practice, but by Friday night the girls were looking like pros and Saturday night they all did great. For the record, we had one big winner and thirteen other winners!!!

## SPRING TRAINING TO CONCLUDE TODAY AT ELBA

The Elba Tigers will conclude spring football practice today with the annual black and gold game, and when you consider the fact that the Tigers have lost over 20 players to graduation for each of the past two years and have only a handful of seniors this year, it was a tremendous spring training.

Coach Wood had many, many concerns entering spring drills, including replacing his entire offensive line, finding a new quarterback, replacing two outstanding linebackers and plugging gaps in the defensive backfield. Some of the holes may still need a little patching; however, the Tigers look pretty solid and may still be reloading next season, instead of rebuilding.

On offense, Ron Bryan and Keith Grantham have stepped forward and made a weakness into a bright spot. Bryan didn't play football a year ago, but has come on strong throughout spring drills and has overcome the lay-off, while Grantham has displayed a good passing arm and a knack for getting the job done. Both quarterbacks are young, but growing up fast. Greg Thigpen and Marcus Tyson are back at tailback and combine for quite a 1-2 punch, as do Jamie Brockton and Teddy Burks at fullback. Up front, the Tigers have found warm bodies to fill the gaps and those bodies have come to life and now have the coaches bragging about the potential that exists. The line will be a little green, but could blossom into a fine group. Over on defense, the play of linebackers Brian Reedy and Phillip Compton have been the highlight of the drills. Both are hitters and have quickly filled the hole. In the secondary things have looked good, with Marcus Tyson, Greg Thigpen and Anthony Brashers all returning, and a couple of younger players working hard. In the line, Bryce Phillips has looked good, as has Julius Peterson and Chris Flowers.

I know that it's hard to judge talent at practice, and the level of competition at a scrimmage isn't even close to what it's like in a game, but for one, I've been pleasantly surprised with the spring and am already looking forward to next season.

## TIGER BASEBALLERS HOPING EARLY GAMES WILL HELP

The Elba Tiger baseball team will have played four games by the end of the week, and even though the games count on the record, Coach David Lowery will use the games as a stepping stone to other games down the line that count even more, like Area 2 contests.

The Tigers have been working hard and have some solid returns in Hayden Young, Shane Blanton, Joe Johnson, Todd McCall and David Rowe; however, to play a game before spring training ends is hard for even the bigger schools, and that is what the Tigers want to do, playing Arden this Wednesday and holding the black and gold game Thursday.

If the Tigers can find some pitching it could be another banner year, if not, it will be a season in which the Tigers will have to steal some wins and make the most out of every opportunity. I think it's going to be fun!

## LADY TIGERS OPEN SOFTBALL SEASON

The Elba Lady Tigers opened their softball season last week and found out what it's like to be on the short end of a score as they got whipped three times in as many outings. The Lady Tigers got whipped by a combined score of 50-13, with the major damage being done in the first inning, when their opponents outscored the Lady Tigers 31-0. The Lady Tigers have some good athletes and will win their share of games before it's all over, but until then they must keep their heads up and learn from each and every game.

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Lifeguards needed

The Elba Dept. of Parks and Recreation is presently accepting applications for the position of Lifeguard for summer.

Lifeguards must possess a valid Red Cross Lifeguarding Certificate and will be expected to work at the City Pools, as well as teach swimming lessons.

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## EHS Student Spotlight

by Marjorie Adkins and Susan Johnson  
**Maria Williams** is a 14 year old freshman. She plays the trumpet in the Elba Marching Tiger Band. She has been playing the trumpet for five years. Maria's hobbies include reading, listening to music, and being with friends.  
**Joe Russell** is a 15 year old freshman. He plays the saxophone in the Elba Marching Tiger Band. He has been playing saxophone for 5 years. His hobbies include bike riding and swimming.  
**Velma Whitfield** is a 14 year old eighth grader. She has been in the band for 2 years where she plays the euphonium. She has been playing euphonium for 1 year. Velma's hobbies are being with her special friend, Alex, and going to softball practice.  
**Alice Hammonds** is a 14 year old freshman. She plays the saxophone and is in the colorguard. She has been in the Marching Band for 4 years. Alice's hobbies include dancing, singing and being with friends.  
**Phillip Adcock** is a 16 year old sophomore at EHS. He has been in the band for 5 years where he plays the trombone.



**Nicholson Wins FFA Corn Growing Contest**  
 Pictured above is Kimbri Nicholson, a ninth grade FFA member, being presented the Champion Corn Growing Award by Michael Harrellson, Kimbri's Agribusiness Teacher and FFA advisor. The Champion Corn Growing Contest is sponsored by Gold Kist, Inc.

## Counselor's Corner

by Amy Osburn  
 The Alabama Association of School Administrators is soliciting applications for scholarships from high school seniors planning to attend a bachelors degree in education. The AASA will award two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each. The deadline to submit an application is April 1. For more information see Mr. Carley.  
 The University of Alabama invites you and your parents to visit the campus during the spring holidays. The Admissions Office will be open on Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, 8 a.m. - 12 noon and Monday - Friday, March 25 - 29 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Campus tours will be conducted at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Calls must be made a week in advance. On Monday, March 25 only, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. representatives from the undergraduate divisions of the University, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Housing, and other university departments will join the admission counselors to answer your questions and talk with you about your college plans. Tours will be conducted hourly throughout the day beginning at 9 a.m. The last tour will be on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Carley.

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## Lady Tigers - Keeping The Faith

by Kenya Hammond  
 Billy Joel's song best describes the feeling of the 1991 Lady Tigers. It has been nearly ten years since EHS has had a varsity softball team. This type of program is very different than the city leagues. There are twenty-two girls that are dedicated to playing and representing Elba High School and the city of Elba. The girls have now played three games and they have lost them all, but they haven't given up. They are still "Keeping The Faith."

As the season goes by, they will be working toward certain short and long term goals. We, the team, would like to take this opportunity to share some of our goals with the fans. We hope to finish the season with a winning record and become closer as a team. Second, we would like to see our skills and abilities improve. Finally, we would like to show class and pride in the event of a loss or a win. Please come out and support the Lady Tigers and remember MISTAKES ARE MADE BY ALL - WERE HUMAN.

"We have an excellent team this year," says Coach Boyd. "We are young and inexperienced, therefore, for the first couple of games we will look a little 'clunky' at times. All the 'butterflies' will disappear with time. I am very pleased with the effort that the girls are putting forth. We still have a long season ahead of us and I am looking forward to the rest of the schedule. All we need to do is keep away from injuries. Come out and support these girls. To borrow a line from Tony the Tiger, 'THEY'RE GREAT!'"

## Senior of the Week



**Sandi Money** is 18 years old and she enjoys going to the beach and being with friends. She is a member of VICA and she works at the Elba Elementary School office. After graduation, Sandy plans to attend ESJC.



## FBLA Top Sellers

The Future Business Leaders of America at Elba High School conducted its M&M fundraiser for two weeks in February and it was a big success. Ninety-five percent of the FBLA members participated. Twenty-four hundred boxes of M&M's were sold during this time period. The two top sellers who exceeded selling 100 boxes were Sherry Simmons, who sold 191 boxes, and Laverda Rodgers, who sold 144 boxes. Congratulations to the two top sellers for the FBLA 1991 fundraising effort. The profit from the candy will be used to finance the chapter locally, and to finance trips to district, state, and national meetings.

## Views From D.C.

by Jim Goodson  
 On February 22, 1991, I embarked on a journey to Washington, D.C., as a member of Presidential Classroom. During the 6 days I was in D.C. I learned many things about our government and met many people from across the United States. Visiting Washington, D.C. reinforced my faith in American government and also showed me that things are still being accomplished.

As a part of Presidential Classroom, I was required to sit through many seminars. Included in these seminars was the Ambassador from Saudi Arabia, Prince Bandar was the most interesting of all the speakers of the week. What I liked the most about His Royal Highness was that he treated us like mature individuals and not just teenagers. He was a very intelligent man and spoke good English. His speech was one of the major highlights of the week. Along with the seminars, we got to visit the monuments and tourist attractions of Washington, D.C. Another highlight of the week was getting to talk face to face with members of Congress. The week was a whole as a very memorable experience and I would encourage anyone to go. The hardest thing about the trip to Washington, D.C. was coming home. I met so many new friends it was almost impossible to say goodbye.

## 'Miss' Spring Break Pageant

by Amy Osburn  
 The Elba Staff is sponsoring the first annual "Miss Spring Break Pageant" to be held Friday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at EHS. Eighteen senior boys will be competing for the title. The purpose of the pageant is to raise needed money to fund the Elba Staff's yearbook. Each student will be charged \$1 admission.

The eighteen senior boys competing are: Daniel Belcher, Davina Rowe, Christine Tidwell, Shannon Blanton, Karina Dose, Charlotte Smith, Tracie Killingsworth, Rose Bedsole, Julie Goodson, Jamie Jacobs, Kona McKinnon, Janita Carver, Coretta Smith, Denise, Steven, Heidi Young, Rita Faye Edwards, Mary Luckner, and Erika Letier. The escorts for the contestants are: Michael Adkins, Chris Carpenter, Ken Hammond, Sam Johnson, Reggie Kelley, Amy Osburn, Charlie Pearce, Arnold Wallace, and Kory Oggs. A special guest appearance will be made by Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band.

## \* Elba High School Honor Roll \* 4th Six Weeks

<b>A Honor Roll</b> 7th grade Joey Adkins Wendy Boutwell Destiny Brown Eddie Cowen Melissa Hall Jamie Holley Mary Jacobs Joe Letier Kristy Morris Kayla Phillips Jenny Ross Marsha Tillis Janis Windham	<b>10th grade</b> Charles Bozeman Ramey Bryan Cary Clark Annie Smith Leslie Gwin Jonathan Ross Patrick Scarborough Elena Strong Stacey Knight Kristi Oggs Ashley Johnson Charla Pearce Patreece Pruitt Derek Stevens Gena Stokes Anita Wallace	<b>11th grade</b> Melissa Maddox Suey Nunn Chris Parker Bobby Spurlin Cherish Taylor	<b>12th grade</b> Markel Adkins Rusty Bedsole Eddy Disotell Jim Goodson Daniel Gullion John Jacobs Regina Kelley Stacey Knight Kristi Oggs Ashley Johnson Charla Pearce Patreece Pruitt Derek Stevens Gena Stokes Anita Wallace
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## Holcomb Named Valedictorian

by Aimee Routzong  
 Miss Donna Jean Holcomb was named Valedictorian for the Class of 1991 at Zion Chapel. Donna was named for this prestigious honor because she has the highest overall grade point average in the senior class.

Donna participates in many extracurricular activities at Zion Chapel. She is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Vice President of the Beta Club, a member of Zion Chapel's news staff and yearbook staff. She is the Business Manager for Rebel '91. She is also a representative in the Student Government Association. Donna was also chosen to be a member of Quill and Scroll which is an International Honorary Society for high school journalists. Participating in the Rebel Band has also been part of Donna's high school career. She has been a member of the drum line for six years and served as drum captain her senior year.

Donna is seventeen years old and is the daughter of Glenn and Nellie Holcomb. She has attended Zion Chapel High School, took members of her senior class to enter the science projects in the Southeast Regional Science Fair and to spend the day at Troy State. Twelve students went to Troy State with Mrs. Grant and I brought my name to Mrs. Grant and I was one of the twelve students.

## Rodgers Named Salutatorian

by Denise Flowers  
 Sharon Denise Rodgers was recently named salutatorian for the Class of 1991. She is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Betty C. Rodgers. A salutatorian has the second highest academic grade point average in a graduating class.

Sharon attended New Hope Junior High from kindergarten through the fifth grade. At the end of that year New Hope was closed and Sharon transferred to Zion Chapel. At Zion Chapel Sharon has always been very involved in extra-curricular activities. She is president of the senior class, the Beta Club, the Spanish Club, and the Student Government Association (SGA). She is vice president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and a member of the Science Club. She is also a member of the 4-H Club and the District II committee. She has been a member of the Girls' Softball Team for three years. She attends Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she is an usher and a member of the choir. Sharon just recently won the FBLA public speaking contest at the District IV meeting held at Enterprise High School and will compete at the State Conference in Montgomery in April.

After graduation Sharon plans to attend college and she has applied to several universities. However, she hopes to attend the University of Alabama to pursue a career in corporate law.

Sharon says that she would like to thank her family, her friends, and her teachers for the support they have given her throughout her high school years.

## Zion Chapel Is 4-H Club Of The Month

by Jennifer Flowers  
 The Zion Chapel seventh grade boys and eighth grade girls have both received the 4-H Club of the Month for the past three months - December, January, and February. The clubs are chosen as Club of the Month by scoring the most points in participation, conduct, and attendance at their monthly meetings.

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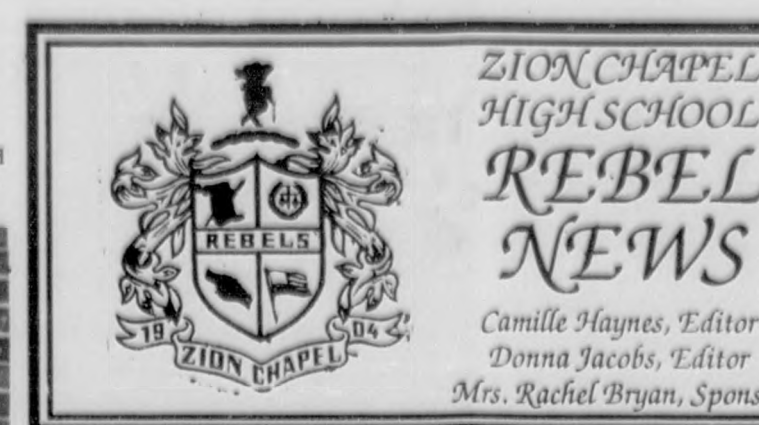
SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

## Spanish Club Makes Pinatas

by Marie Jackson  
 Spanish classes at Zion Chapel are making pinatas. Mrs. Ana Mendez, Spanish teacher, is teaching two of her classes to make pinatas. A pinata is a decorated pottery jar filled with candies, fruits, and gifts and hung from the ceiling to be broken as part of Mexican festivities. The two classes making the pinatas are Spanish II and pre-Spanish. The students were assigned certain materials to bring that were needed to make the pinatas. The materials were: flour, balloons, colored tissue, tissue paper, toilet paper rolls, glue, paper towel rolls and newspaper.

The first step in making the pinatas was blowing up the balloons and then putting wet flour on strips of newspaper. Next, wrap the strips of newspaper around the balloon. Apply several layers of newspaper. After the layers were applied, the balloon had to dry for two days. Once everyone had the newspaper on their balloons it has dried, they began fixing the faces and bodies of their pinatas.

Some of the pinatas are being made



## Z. C. Science Students Are Winners

by Marie Jackson  
 Members of Zion Chapel's science classes participate in the Southeast Regional Science Fair held at Troy State University.

Mrs. Anita Grant and Mrs. Jackie Jinnright, science teachers at Zion Chapel High School, took members of their senior class to enter the science projects in the Southeast Regional Science Fair and to spend the day at Troy State. Twelve students went to Troy State with Mrs. Grant and I brought my name to Mrs. Grant and I was one of the twelve students.

When we arrived at Troy State we set up our projects and after setting up we were allowed to look at the other projects before judging started. There were many projects at the science fair. The subject of these projects ranged from the purification of water to which paper towel is the strongest. When we finished looking at the projects, Mrs. Grant took us on a tour of the campus. Some of the places she took us were to the administration building, the library, the art building and the Adams Center.

After we finished our tour of the students from all of the schools went to the Adams Center and played in the game room. In the game room students, parents, and sponsors socialized with one another and people played video games and pool. Other people, like Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Jinnright, sat around on the outside patio and socialized.

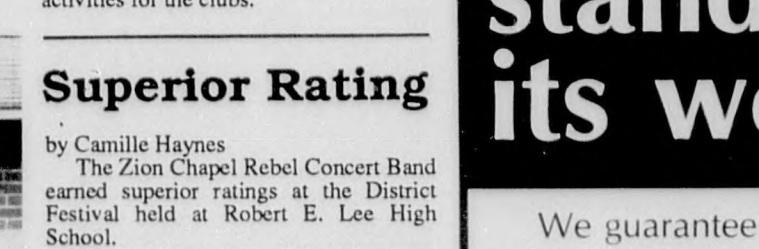
At two o'clock everyone met in one of the auditoriums at the Adams Center where the awards were presented. The speaker said that this year's science fair was the biggest one they have ever had. There were 27 schools attending, 238 projects, and 75 awards. The five divisions were Biology, Physical Science, Earth and Space, Mathematics and Computer, and Behavioral/Social Science. Zion Chapel won first place in two of these divisions.

by Marsha Davis  
 Mrs. Sonya Shaw's American Literature class was given the assignment of reading THE SCARLET LETTER by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Students were given one week to have the book read.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's book tells of a married woman's affair with the minister and the trials of her wearing the letter A on her dress and bearing a child because of this sin. The moral of the story is that the evil of the sin is not the sin itself, but the evil of the sin.

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SUPERIOR RATING

by Camille Haynes  
 The Zion Chapel Rebel Concert Band earned superior ratings at the District Festival held at Robert E. Lee High School.

The band was one of three bands to earn superior ratings that Saturday. District tests the musical ability of a band and prepares the band for the possibility of attending the State Competition. Bands are judged on tone, intonation, technique or precision, balance, interpretation, discipline, and musical effect.

The musical effect includes dynamics and phrasing, and the discipline of the band. Technique, interpretation, dynamics, and musical expression are all strong points for the Zion Chapel Band.

The band is now preparing to participate in the State Competition to be held at Troy State University April 9-13. Their selections will be THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA MARCH, by K.L. King, ROMANESQUE by James Swearingen, and DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE by Claude F. Smith.

## Students Wear POW Bracelets

by Stephanie Adkins  
 The students at Zion Chapel High School were given the opportunity to purchase a Prisoner of War (POW) bracelet in soon after the Gulf War started. WFA-TV had a news story about a man, Mr. Mark Harmon, from Valdosta, Georgia, who was making POW bracelets. Mrs. Rachel Bryan heard the news and was immediately interested.

Mrs. Bryan was interested because she, along with many other people in the area, had worn a POW bracelet during the Vietnam War. The name printed on her bracelet was Captain Ben Kingsdorf who was not among the names on the list.

Mrs. Bryan, who had the number from the WFA-TV newscast, called Mr. Harmon and asked about ordering some of the bracelets for her project on the lung capacity of seventh graders in comparison to their weight. Any money made from the bracelets would be donated to the local family support group he made from the bracelets. Local family support groups he told Mrs. Bryan to donate the money to a support group for the families of POWs.

Another teacher at Zion Chapel, Mrs. Melinda Hodge, also was very interested in the POW bracelets. She had worn a POW bracelet during the Vietnam War. She wore her bracelet for over three years but unfortunately when the list of all returning POW's was published, the man whose name was on her bracelet was not among the names on the list.

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DKG MEETS

by Sharon Rodgers  
 Denise Flowers, Wendy Chancellor, Donna Holcomb, Sacey Black, and I recently attended a meeting of the Psi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma. We attended this meeting to present part of the program. Our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, had asked us to go. She is also the treasurer of the Psi Chapter.

First, we enjoyed a meal of lasagna, buttered bread, green salad, congealed salad, and soft drinks that had been arranged for by our hostesses, Mrs. Anita Grant, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden, and Mrs. Margaret Hawaway.

After the meal, the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Elizabeth Lindsey. Mrs. Gail Jackson gave the invocation. Chapter Secretary Margaret Hawaway called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Rachel Bryan gave the financial report.

Then Mrs. Anita Grant gave a presentation on literacy in the United States and what could be expected to be the literacy level in the U.S. in the years to come. Soon, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Bryan who introduced Sacey Black, who played the STAR SPANGLER BANNER on her flute. Next, I introduced the importance of the young people setting goals. And last but not least, Jennifer Flowers sang THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC while Camille Haynes, Wendy Chancellor, Denise Flowers, and Donna Holcomb recited parts of historic speeches given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President John F. Kennedy, and President Abraham Lincoln.

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**AEC Youth Tour Winners Named** - The five finalists from Elba High School which participated in AEC's Youth Tour interview competition are (pictured from left) William Smith, Tommy Young (runner-up), Anthony Brashears (winner), and Billy Mitchell.

## AEC Youth Tour Winners Named

Four high school juniors were recently chosen to represent the Washington Youth Tour Program sponsored by Alabama Electric Cooperative. The winners will represent AEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour program in Washington D.C. in June.

The four delegates will be awarded an expense paid trip to the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual meeting and youth tour program on May 8-9 in Montgomery, Alabama, and the Washington Youth Tour program in Washington, D.C.

Runners-up in the youth tour essay competition include: Troy McConnell from Andalusia High School, Trina Brzezinski from Opp High School, Tommy Young from Elba High School, and Michael Sharpe from Pike County High School. These four students, along with the winners, will represent AEC at the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual meeting and youth tour program on May 8-9 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Finalists in the youth tour interview competition included Danny Bryant, Tavia Scott and Jenna Mitchell from Andalusia High School; Adam Cauley, Bridget Pin-

son and Melanie Jowers from Opp High School; Billy Mitchell and Williams Smith from Elba High School; and Tanya Townsend and Jerrell Watson from Pike County High School.

The four youth tour delegate winners were selected from finalists in the youth tour essay contest, open to juniors from schools located in AEC's four area municipalities. This includes students from Andalusia, Opp, Elba, and Pike County high schools.

To qualify for the youth tour program students must write an essay or short story on rural electrification and answer in a single paragraph: "What is the difference between an electric cooperative and a private power company?"

Brashears, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brashears, is a member of the Varsity Football Team, FBIA, Mu Alpha Theta, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and a recipient of the National History and Government Award and National English Award.

"The Washington Youth Tour program is designed to provide high school students with a better understanding of the cooperative structure and specifically the rural electrification program. The program also helps students become familiar with our American history and the political environment of the nation's capital," said Mark Ingram, AEC's Youth Tour Coordinator.

## POEM

### "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

Some people are protesting our forces fighting in the Middle East. They think we don't belong there and fighting there should cease. But they haven't read the Word of God or they would know this has to be, it is going, as God has planned it, it takes war to keep us free.

Now there are people praying, that haven't prayed in years. Sometimes it takes an ordeal like this to make man face his fears. And what does man do when he realizes his fragility? He finally calls out to Almighty God to minister to his needs.

We are fighting against people who took over another country, not for oil in a foreign land. We have to go forth and take our chance, it's for freedom our country stands. And to God be the glory that the war is going well. He promises in his Word, his people he will not fail.

To those families that are losing loved ones, their faith is being tried. It is going to be even harder if they don't in God abide. God is trying to get this country's attention, America The Land of the Free, And the shock of what is happening shatters the American Dream.

But the real battle must be within the inner man, if there that God must deal. He promises if we turn from sin and yield to him, our land then he will heal. Right now is the time for salvation for it comes to us simple and free. It came to us by Jesus's sacrifice, when he gave his life on calvary.

Written by: Ramona Wambles Feb. 27, 1991

## Card of Thanks

A heart-felt thank you to caring friends who showed so much concern for our son-in-law, 1st Lt. Buddy Yausy, as he served with the 24th Infantry during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Your cards, letters, and packages were very supportive and helpful to him. Your calls of inquiry, and reminders that you were praying, were also strengthening. Miiza and to us. Thanks again, especially for your prayers. Buddy is now home in Savannah, happy and well.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The ESEA, Chapter 2 1989-90 evaluation report will be available for review at the Elba City Hall on March 21, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. at the Elba City Hall, 503 Montgomery Highway, Vastavia Hills, Alabama 3-21-1b

### ESTATE OF HARLIN GRAY DECEASED PROBATE COURT

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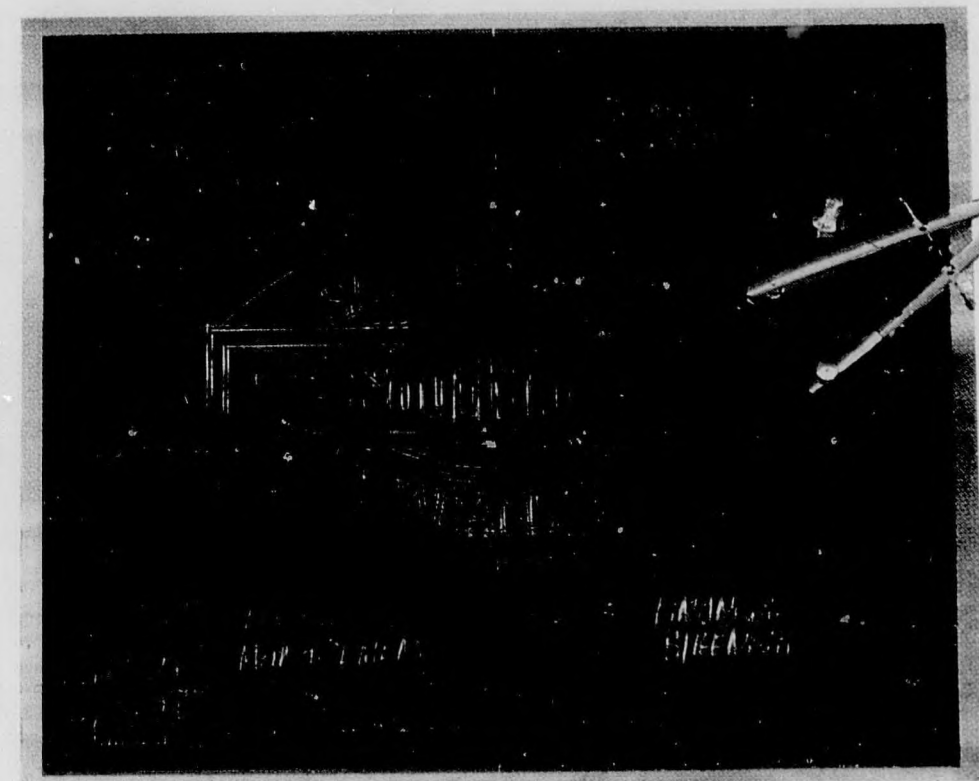
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## City to decide location of last homeless agencies

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The only vote taken by the Elba City Council Monday night was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, however planning they made mean there will be a lot of deciding and voting at the next meeting.

The council will here a report by Elba Mayor Fred Moore on the city streets which need resurfacing and the estimated cost of the work. Moore will also furnish the council members with details of the amount of tax money set aside exclusively for street repairs.

Moore said Monday that some spot repair work done earlier has already had to be redone. He recalled one case of a 5 X 5 foot sinkhole at the intersection of Forest Street and Brookdale Ave. after resurfacing had been done to repair flood damage. However the unknown conditions of storm sewers etc. indicate that people knowledgeable in the matter were right in cautioning city officials to wait as long as possible before undertaking street repairs.

Another item to hopefully be settled at the next meeting is just where to locate the senior citizens building, rescue squad and library. Moore reported he had received a letter asking if the city intended to use state and federal funds allocated for the work.

Council members have expressed several different ideas on their preferences on particular buildings, but none have yet presented a plan which would set a definite site for all three facilities, especially a plan that would be acceptable to all those who manage and those who use the facilities.

Several ideas have been mentioned which involve using parts of the old Elba High School facility for

a library and/or for the Senior Citizens Center. However the school board is still negotiating with the federal government over flood damage payments and has set no date for turning title to the property over to the city.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported that in the past two weeks the police department has investigated 135 complaints, including three traffic accidents, 34 traffic citations have been issued, including three for driving under the influence (DUI). There were seven criminal arrests during the same period.

The animal control officer impounded 39 dogs and returned seven of these to their rightful owner. Hanchey reported to council members that the police and the highway patrol will be conducting courtesy checks on tinted windows Saturday. This is to help owners determine if their automobiles comply with the new state law limiting window tints, the chief explained.

No tickets will be written for violations, according to the chief, it is designed to help motorists. A drug information program will be conducted at the Elba courthouse on April 16th, according to Hanchey. It will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Moore told council members the League of Municipalities was hosting a luncheon on April 24th in Montgomery for the members of the Alabama legislature. All city officials are urged to make reservations and attend at \$20 per official.

Moore also noted that there was a parade in Andalusia on May 4th honoring the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Elba High School. Moore said that the city has received an official invitation to participate in the Andalusia activities on that day.



**EASTER BEAUTIES** Michelle, left and Marsha Lewis are dressed in their Easter finery and were caught admiring some of the spring flowers that are blooming in abundance throughout Elba this week. The photo was made shortly before the sisters left for the beach to spend their AEA holidays enjoying the Florida sun. and. Michelle is in the second grade at Elba Elementary School and Marsha is a tenth grader at Elba High School. The young ladies are the daughters of Lynn and Keith Lewis.

## Coffee County Jail to be named in honor of Tillman and Grantham

by Marvin McIlwain  
Elba Clipper Editor

A large crowd was on hand at the beginning of Monday's commission meeting, but it quickly became smaller after the bids on a county front end loader were opened.

The commission, in its last meeting, gave the highway department permission to sell the loader which was purchased less than one year ago to be used in flood related road repairs.

Bids on the piece of equipment were received from 14 different companies and they ranged from a

low of \$75,000 to a high of \$117,750. County Engineer Mark Pool noted that the county paid \$131,000 for the loader when it was bought new.

Kuhan Equipment Sales of Franklin, Georgia was the high bidder and the commission voted to sell the loader to them.

After dispensing with the bid opening, the commission swept through the remainder of its agenda rather speedily.

Upon a recommendation by Commissioner Jim Dabose, the commission agreed to naming the new jail facility in honor of former Sheriff H.

D. Tillman, who served Coffee County as sheriff for many, many years and also, in honor of the late Sheriff C. F. "Neel" Grantham, who had just begun serving his second term as sheriff when he was killed.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns appeared before the commissioners concerning the permanent records of his office. He requested that these records be microfilmed in order to preserve them for the future.

The commission related to Burns that they are already checking with state and federal agencies on obtaining funds to accomplish this important task for his office records as

well as those in the probate office. Jim Ormes with Honeywell Municipal Services asked for and received permission from the commission to conduct an energy survey on county owned buildings. There is no charge for this service.

Ormes told the commissioners that if after the survey, ways were found by which the county could save money in its energy bills, they would be given a written guarantee to that effect. At that time, they agreed to pay for their services and if the guaranteed savings were not obtained, the county would be reimbursed the difference.

She also requested that a "padded cell" be installed in the jail facility to house an individual who might endanger his or her life were they placed in a conventional cell. The commission stated that this was be-

He stated that an Energy Management System recently implemented by his company in Marengo County had produced an annual savings of \$17,000 in the cost of utility services for that county.

Ormes also informed the commissioners that nearby Ft. Rucker is one of Honeywell's largest customers for their Energy Management Systems.

Mrs. Joan Laird who is with the local MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) organization came before the commission requesting that provisions be made in the new county jail for housing drunks. Commission Chairman Billy Eagerton told Mrs. Laird that these provisions are being made.

It was noted during the discussion that the Probate Judge's office had

looked into at the present time. State Probation and Parole Officer Sarah Smith appeared before the commission with a proposal for the relocation of her offices. She made a formal request that she be allowed to move into those offices presently occupied by the sheriff's department in the Elba Courthouse.

A need for more space and privacy was noted by Mrs. Smith as reasons for her request.

After a short discussion, the commission voted to grant Mrs. Smith's request and allow the move as soon as the offices are vacated by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. They will be occupying space in the new county jail complex presently under construction in New Brockton.

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## Ronnie Vaughan injured in farm accident near Hartford

by Marvin McIlwain  
Elba Clipper Editor

Last Friday morning at approximately 10 a.m., Ronnie Vaughan was seriously injured while working with livestock on a farm near Hartford, Alabama.

Ronnie is employed by the Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic located in Elba.

According to reports, Vaughan was suspecting several head of cattle during which they were placed in an apparatus known as a head catch. At the time of the accident, a bull which was secured in the device became "irate" causing the catch to release. The latch arm swung up, striking Vaughan under the chin and crushing his jaw. Also, several of his teeth were knocked out and others were broken or loosened.

Vaughan will be returning to the hospital for more corrective surgery in approximately six weeks.

**COURTESY WINDOW TINT CHECK.** The Elba Police Department will check the tint on your automobile windows as a courtesy on SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1991, between the hours of 9 A.M. & 2 P.M. Location for the 'tint check' will be on the courthouse square across from the Elba Police Department.



**A DAY FOR CELEBRATING..** It was a momentous occasion as officials gathered in Elba last Thursday to break ground for the multi-million dollar complex which will house the Elba City School System.